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FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: AID STAFF

REF: (A) STATE 007246, (B) 77 BEIRUT 5318

1. AID'S ACTION IS RESPONSE TO REF B IN WHICH I AUTHORIZED
THIRD AID POSITION, IN TURN APPROVED MID-NOVEMBER. ARGUMENTS
MADE AT THAT TIME ON THIS POSITION STILL VALID.

2. WE HAD ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL BY YEAR'S END, BUT AID'S
REALIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL POLICY AND THE HOLIDAYS INTERVENED.
IRVIN WAS TOLD BY PHONE ON JANUARY 11 THAT NOMINATING CABLE
WOULD COME IN COUPLE OF DAYS, FOLLOWED BY POSSIBLE ARRIVAL
LATE JANUARY. TO OPEN ISSUE NOW, AS YOU SUGGEST, WILL ONLY
CAUSE FURTHER DELAY. WAY THINGS ARE GOING NOW, IRVIN IS
DROWNING IN PAPER WORK, WHICH WILL GO LONG BEYOND SIX MONTHS,
WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE FY 79 PROGRAM. AFTER THE PAPER
BATTLES, COMES EQUALLY IMPORTANT JOB OF MONITORING DELIVERY
OF ASSISTANCE. WE THINK THERE IS WORK FOR AT LEAST A YEAR
AND PROBABLY LONGER.

3. NEITHER IRVIN NOR I WANT TO CREATE AID MISSION, BUT
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WE CANNOT KEEP UP WITH THE DETAILS BEING GENERATED BY
AID/W, THE PVO'S AND THE GOL. THE AGBU CASE IS CLASSIC
EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING WHICH APPARENTLY FELL THROUGH SLATS
(TO TAKE CHARITABLE VIEW) BECAUSE NEITHER TOM NOR I HAD
TIME TO FOCUS SUFFICIENTLY ON MEANING OF ONE PARAGRAPH OF
AN AID TELEGRAM.

4. WE ASSUME THAT IF, AT END OF YEAR THERE IS NO LONGER
NEED FOR HIM HERE, AID WILL BE WILLING TRANSFER OFFICER
IN QUESTION.
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